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SWIMMING POOL COMMITTEE HOLDS OPEN FORUM AT TOWN HALL APRIL 12

The Swimming Pool Committee, headed by Mrs. Helen Benney, has announced the setting up of a forum for the purposes of discussing the swimming pool situation.

The forum, unofficial as it is, is intended to give the committee an opportunity to hear the viewpoints of the townspeople in regard to the swimming pool. The forum will be held at the town hall, Tuesday, April 12, at 8 p. m.

George Billings of the County Chapter of the Red Cross will be present.

The Swimming Pool committee has urged all townspeople to be present for this meeting for it con-

cerns everyone in town, now and for the future.

The date, April 12, Tuesday, Swimming Pool Committee Forum.

Transfer Two Tracts From AYH to Smiths

The move of the American Youth Hostel association headquarters from Northfield to New York City resulted this week in the transfer of two tracts of land in Northfield to Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Smith of this town.

The first tract, on the west side of Main street, south of land formerly of the Unitarian Society, and across the street from the Maples hotel, consists of four acres and contains the colonial house which has been used by the A. Y. H. since June, 1935, when it was bought by the Smiths. The Smiths have been living in it while the A. Y. H. has used it. The tract also contains a renovated barn used by the association.

The second tract, on the west side of West Lane and east of Meadow Way, is a lot on Rustic Ridge and has a rustic cottage which was presented to the A. Y. H. by the Smiths for use by the staff and friends of the movement.

Although the A. Y. H., a branch growing out of the International Youth Hostel Conference in Godesberg, Germany, in 1933, will have its headquarters in New York henceforth, the Smiths will continue to manage its international aspect in Northfield, the Youth Argosy, incorporated.

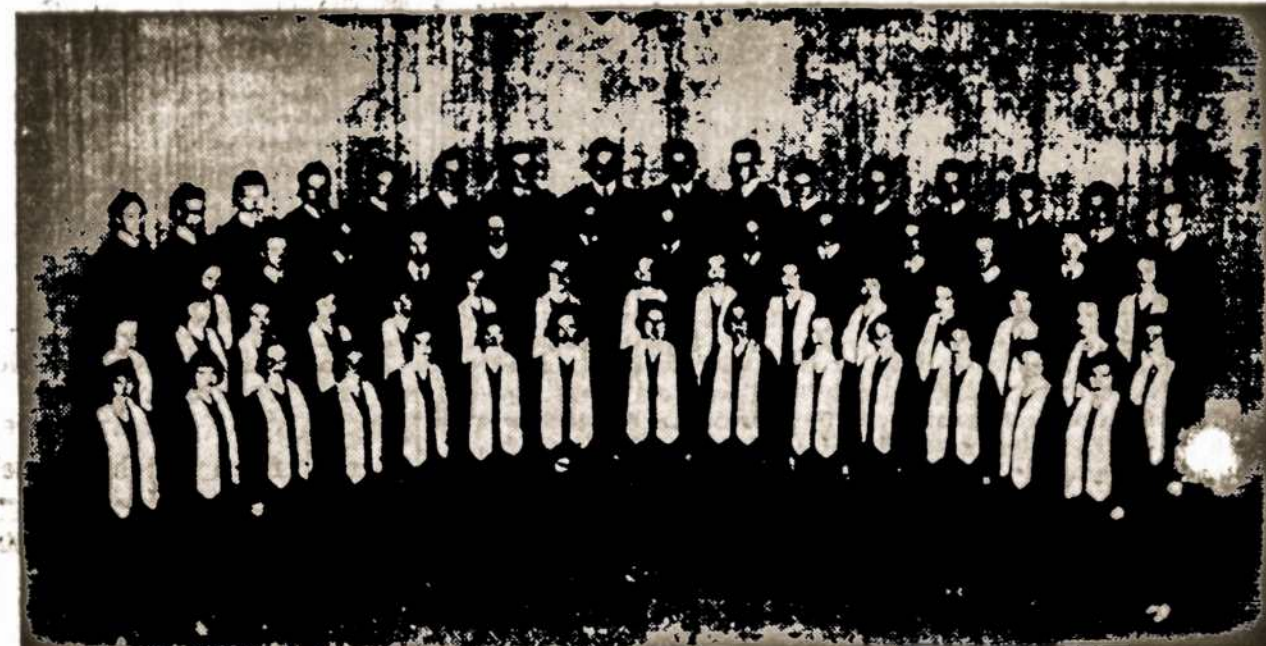
The latter has been instrumental in providing inexpensive facilities for youths traveling to Europe. The two tracts in the Smiths names will be used for the purpose of Youth Argosy.



MINOTT

At Franklin County Public Hospital, April 1, a son, Russell Joseph Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. Russell J. Minott of West Deerfield; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan C. Minott of West Deerfield and Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Rikert of Mount Hermon; great grandson of Mrs. Mary Monteth of Detroit, Michigan.

UPSALA COLLEGE CHOIR



Upsala College Choir at Brattleboro Apr. 25

The Upsala College Choir of 70 voices, Gladys Grindeland, conductor, will present a concert in Brattleboro, Vt., on Monday, April 25, at 8 p. m. The concert is being arranged under the auspices of the First Baptist Church.

The Choir is numbered among the small and select group of choirs in the country which maintains the highest standards of choral singing. Extensive tours, this year comprising sixteen concerts, are made annually through the New England and Middle Atlantic States. The choristers' repertory includes both sacred and secular numbers.

The concert here is the first in a six day tour of New England with appearances scheduled in Hartford, Cranston, Brockton, Worcester, Brattleboro, and Springfield. The Choir is currently on tour in Pennsylvania, Virginia and Maryland, returning on Saturday for their annual concert in Town Hall, New York City.

Dr. Park Married in New London on Apr. 4

The marriage of Miss Georgia MacDonald, daughter of Mrs. J. William Childs and the late Lewis W. MacDonald of Charles Town, West Virginia, to Dr. William E. Park, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. Edgar Park of Osterville, Mass. took place in New London, Conn., April 4, 1949. The wedding was held at the home of the groom's sister, Miss Rosemary Park, President of Connecticut College for Women. The ceremony was performed by the groom's father, who is president emeritus of Wheaton College and Dr. Howard L. Rubendall, headmaster of Mount Hermon School. A reception for the immediate families followed.

The bride, who graduated from St. Hilda's Hall at Charles Town, recently resigned as secretary to the headmaster of Phillips Academy. Dr. Park, an alumnus of Williams College and Union Theological Seminary, is president of the Northfield Schools. After a wedding trip the couple will live at Northfield, Mass.

Program to Feature Bill Cunningham

Bill Cunningham, who will speak at the town hall April 18 under the auspices of the Northfield Post 9874, VFW, is not only a well known columnist and radio commentator but is also a frequent contributor to national magazines, the author of several books and a writer for the movies.

Cunningham, Boston Herald columnist, has recently returned from a complete swing around the spring training camp circuit of the major league ball clubs in Florida.

Cunningham, an inspirational type speaker of the highest order, has received a number of citations from the government for his speeches and writings during the war. Tickets for the night of April 18 are on sale through members of the Northfield Post and also at the Northfield Pharmacy. Tickets will also be on sale at the door.

The film, "Joe's Kid" has been added to the program for the night of April 18.

Sunday Chapel Guests

Dr. John Hutchinson, will be the guest preacher at the Palm Sunday service in Memorial Chapel on the Mount Hermon campus at ten thirty a. m. At the Northfield School for Girls the chaplain, the Reverend Benjamin R. Andrews, Jr., will lead the morning worship service in Russell Sage Chapel at eleven o'clock.

Joint Installation Takes Place April 16

Joint installation ceremonies for the Northfield Post 9874 VFW, and the newly organized Auxiliary will take place at the town hall on Saturday, April 16, at 8 p. m.

The Auxiliary will be instituted prior to the installation ceremonies, with state and county officials present to participate in the ceremonies.

The public has been cordially invited to attend on April 16, Saturday, 8 p. m., Town Hall.



Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Rikert of Mount Hermon announce the marriage of their daughter, Catherine Dorothy, to Richard Kim, son of Mrs. Chang-Sei Kim of Shanghai, China, and the late Dr. Chang-Sei Kim, in St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Washington, D. C., by Rev. Henry Clement, Saturday, April 2, at 3 p. m.

Mrs. Roy P. McNair, Jr., of Arlington, Virginia, was matron of honor, and James Kim of Washington, brother of the groom, was best man. The double ring ceremony was used. The bride wore aqua with a corsage of roses and sweet-peas. The church was trimmed with white flowers and there were about 50 guests. A reception followed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Marcum in Washington.

The bride was graduated from the Northfield School for Girls in 1945 and from the Katherine Gibbs School in 1947. Mr. Kim served for three years with the U. S. Army in China during the war, and was graduated from the Mount Hermon School in 1948. The couple will live in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, where Mr. Kim is a student at Dickinson College.

CPC PLANS PUBLIC FORUM APRIL 29 DISCUSS REGIONAL CONSOLIDATION

The Central Planning Committee voted at its March 31 meeting to sponsor a public forum for the purpose of discussing Regional Consolidation of High Schools. Mr. F. Sumner Turner was asked to lead the discussion. Invitations are to be sent to the other towns in School Union 22.

The Forum, open to the public, will be held April 29, Friday, at the Town Hall.

Senator Ralph Mahar of Orange has been asked to attend the forum. Sen. Mahar was a leading figure on the Recess Committee studying this bill last summer.

It was brought out at this meeting that all the CPC meetings are open to the public, as observers.

E. M. Powell, Sr., presented printed excerpts from the booklet, "Your Home Town's Future," and they are to be distributed to all members.

Mrs. Helen Benney reported for the Swimming Pool Committee, and also read a letter from the District Engineer's office.

Chairman Bennett read a letter from Ben W. Miller, Executive Director of the American Youth Hostels, which explained that the AYH was putting the AYH building on Main street on the market, and requesting those concerned to get in touch with him if they were interested in purchasing this building for use by the town of Northfield.

Mr. Turner reported briefly on Regional Consolidation, and also explained that Mr. John Marshall, Administrator of the School Building Assistance Commission was coming here to make a survey of School Union 22.

Harold McLean presented a short outlined form for long range planning in Northfield.

Dr. J. W. Bennett, VFW, Chairman presided, with the following member organizations present: James C. Gillespie, PTA; Mrs. Helen Benney, 4-H Club; George M. Leonard, High School; Mrs. B. R. Andrews, Jr., Girl Scout Troop Committee; Mrs. Isabel Carter, Grange; Miss Elsie S. Scott, Historical Society; E. M. Powell Brotherhood; Byron Russell Garden Club; Mrs. Lura Stone, American Legion Auxiliary; I. J. Lawrence School Committee; George McEwan, The Northfield Schools; Fred A. Holton, Town Planning Board; Unto Hantunen, Northfield Press.

Graves Registration List Being Revised

The Haven H. Spencer Post, American Legion, and the Northfield Post 9874, VFW, who are jointly conducting the Memorial Day services this year are revising the veterans graves registration list. Anyone having information that might assist the Posts in getting this list up to date is requested to contact Tom Hurley.

Hemisphere Farming Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan says the U. S. Department of Agriculture is administering joint agricultural programs with 15 governments on the Western Hemisphere. These programs have helped increase agricultural efficiency not only in the 15 nations, but in this country.

Cancer is killing 8500 men, women and children in Massachusetts each year. Give to conquer Cancer.

"Gentlemen's Night" At Evening Alliance

The Evening Alliance of the Unitarian Church will hold a "Gentlemen's Night", on Thursday evening, April 14. George Pefferle will show travel films.

Change in CPC Date

Due to conflicting date the Central Planning Committee meeting has been changed from Thursday, April 21 to Wednesday, April 20. Town Hall, 8 p. m.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 9, VFW Broadcast, 4:45 p. m. WHAL.
- April 10, American Legion District meeting, Bernardston town hall, 3 p. m.
- April 11, F. T. A. meeting, Alexander Hall, State Line Fellowship meeting.
- April 12, OPEN FORUM on swimming pool, Town Hall, 8 p. m.
- April 13, OES Installation, VFW meeting, Post Quarters, 8 p. m.
- April 14, Teachers' Club program, Town Hall, 9 a. m.
- April 15, Alliance meeting, Gentlemen's Night, 8 p. m.
- April 16, VFW Auxiliary institution and joint installation with VFW.
- April 17, Easter Sunday.
- April 18, Friendly Class meeting, BILL CUNNINGHAM AT THE TOWN HALL, 8 p. m.
- April 20, CPC meeting, Town Hall, 8 p. m.
- April 21, WOTU meeting, 8 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Bert Newton.
- April 25, Franklin County Brotherhoods meeting Congregational church.
- April 26, Legion meeting, 8 p. m. Town hall.
- April 29, OPC Forum, Town Hall. Subject: Regional Consolidation.

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BREEZE

by
HAROLD A. BRIESMASTER

Real Estate and Wildcats

Real estate prices in Northfield have deteriorated further since the news was released that wildcats are on the prowl in the mountains and hills surrounding this town. Even though Joseph Bartus has just shot and killed three of the bobcats, knowledge that other of these panther-like creatures of the forest are still on the loose was met with consternation. Timid ladies, some men, and even real estate speculators who otherwise are impetuous when buying property, may well hesitate and use caution before making the plunge. Perhaps property owners should furnish additional bounty to hunters in order to eliminate the menace of wildcats in the woods around this out-post town.

Education

Educating the public is not the purpose of this column. To begin with, and to give a good reason why not, there are probably more degrees per capita of population in Northfield than most other towns. Much mental resistance would be encountered from these people. Then, a great number of others have graduated from the University of Hard Knocks, with honors, so they can't be shown either.

I'm just interested in presenting ideas, and trying to temporarily divert minds from routine channels. There I agree with young, hopeful Russell Roberts, a frequent contributor to the Letters to the Editor section of the "Press". As Christopher Morley phrased it so precisely "Read, every day, something no one else is reading. Think, every day, something no one else is thinking. Do, every day, something no one else would be silly enough to do. It is bad for the mind to be always part of a unanimity."

Swimming Pool

The parking problem at Wannamaker Lake could be solved by the establishment of a parking area (with necessary permission from the Northfield Schools), at the west side of the highway and on both sides of the brook. Ramps could be built through the present underpass to the lake, thus avoiding traffic danger. Permission would probably have to be granted by the State highway department.

Since the swimming season is nearly here, the town should accept the offer of the Schools concerning the use of Wannamaker Lake. At the same time, the Swimming Pool Committee should continue their efforts to locate a site for a permanent pool, to be owned and operated by the town.

A total of 78 different designs were submitted for the Navy's \$5,000 ton aircraft carrier USS United States before one was accepted.

A United States Naval Medical Research Unit is conducting scientific studies of tropical diseases in the Middle East.

Nearly 9,000 Naval Reservists will have completed Atlantic training cruises this spring.

The Navy used a quarter of a million board feet of high quality lumber during 1948.



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(Letters should be limited to 400 words or less. All letters must be signed by the writer - the name will not be used if you so desire.)

"Yes We Do - No. 55"
April 5, 1949

The Editor
The Northfield Press
Northfield, Massachusetts

Dear Sir,
This is to thank you very much for the mention given me in the April 1st issue of the Press. Already my social life has been greatly improved thanks to having my name in print. By the way, do you know any good telephone or rather dog license numbers in your part of town?

As to the question of what I am a son of, I believe you will find the answer in a recent speech of our President when he was referring to some guy named Drew Pearson.
Yours for bigger and better bones,
"Panda Pete" Powell

Know Your Teachers

Mrs. Virginia Haack

Mrs. Virginia S. Haack, one of the second grade teachers in the Northfield Center School was born in Hoboken, N. J. When a young child she moved with her family to Weehawken, where she attended school. She received her high school training at Hoboken Academy. Following graduation she continued at the Academy where she took a kindergarten course. While attending this school she organized and carried on for a time the first school orchestra. She also taught at the Academy after completing her course. Then she did playground work in New York City.

Mrs. Haack has attended the Berlitz School of Languages where she took courses in French. She has studied piano for many years. Her first teachers were her parents who were very musical. Other teachers followed including John Ingram of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra who taught piano and theory, Paul Gallico, Sr., Conrad Van Bos who was recently chosen to coach Margaret Truman, and Frank Bebb of Peabody Institute whose specialty is accompanying. As a result of this training she has done a great deal of accompanying and chamber music ensemble work in New York City and elsewhere.

During the depression years, when teaching positions were scarce, Mrs. Haack took a position with the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. in their engineering and development department. She remained there until her marriage to Arnold Haack.

Following their marriage the Haacks spent some time traveling in various countries of Europe. They have also visited the West Indies and China. When their son Peter was nine years old they went to the southwestern section of the U. S. for his health, spending most of their time in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Just before coming to Northfield, Mrs. Haack worked in the Queensboro Branch of the Carnegie Library where she helped children of elementary and high school age prepare papers for school. She also did story telling for the younger children. She is now teaching her third year in Northfield. Since coming here she has taken a summer course on the State Curriculum Guide at Leslie College in Cambridge, Mass.

Mrs. Haack has been a very helpful member of our community for in addition to her regular duties she has served as accompanist and soloist in musical activities of the school and town.

Navy planes flew 1,804,200 pounds of hay and emergency supplies to stricken farmers and Indians during Operation Snowbound.

A total of 25,000 men were involved in the Navy's largest peace-time maneuvers.

The Navy's new 45,000-ton super carrier is 1,090 feet long.

THE CHATEAU AND SCHELL MEMORIAL BRIDGE

A PAPER AS PRESENTED TO THE NORTHFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY ON MARCH 1, 1949

by
Arthur L. Winn

For fifty years prior to the building of the Schell Memorial Bridge there was an unusual covered bridge connecting East Northfield with West Northfield. It was suspended to the railroad bridge by great iron rods and reinforced by great arches of heavy plank bolted together to at least five feet of thickness. It had but a few square windows for day lighting, and kerosene lamps were put out at nine o'clock in the evening. It was a toll bridge and the rates can be seen on the board notice now in a collection of antiques in an upstairs room of the town library. Sometimes a team would be caught in this bridge when a freight train was passing overhead and it would seem to those caught that the train would fall through.

One day when Mr. Schell was showing guests about the town in a beach type wagon drawn by horses, he was caught on the bridge when a train was passing overhead. All became much frightened. Mr. Schell got his guests and himself out of the wagon and ordered the driver out telling him to let the horses go. They were too frightened to go and they lay or fell down. Eventually all got straightened out without any great damage but this experience was never forgotten.

About this time, Mr. Schell was building the chateau, the state condemned this fifty year old toll bridge, and in the discussion of a new bridge, it was thought better to have a bridge away from the railroad. All the help that the state and county could give was \$12,000, which was much less than a satisfactory bridge could be built for. In discussing the matter with Mr. Schell, Mr. Amherst Moody, thinking of memorial bridges he had seen in England, suggested that Mr. Schell consider giving

enough money to make the proposed bridge possible - a memorial bridge for members of his family. He liked the idea and he made a proposal which read in part: "Desiring to leave an enduring monument to my honored father, Robert Schell, in Northfield, and also desiring that a bridge be built across the Connecticut River, I covenant and agree to pay said town the cost of said bridge not to exceed \$22,000." A location about one half mile above the old bridge was decided upon and the bridge known as the Schell Memorial Bridge was erected.

In his offer Mr. Schell said, "I make this offer in order that the Town of Northfield and the Northfield Seminary may be permanently benefited, and I desire no formal or informal opening of the bridge to take place when the bridge is done; simply begin using it." The use began in 1903 which was the year Mr. Schell moved into the chateau. The cost of the bridge was nearly \$50,000 and was entirely borne by Mr. Schell. A bronze tablet has been placed on the bridge easily seen by those approaching from either side, which reads as follows:

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We can well thank God for Francis R. Schell.

THE END

VIVID RECOLLECTION

by Phil Porter

It is quite natural to expect that a lapse of fifty years would erase many of the unpleasant incidents in one's life, but the imprint of an ordeal which I encountered these many years ago cannot so readily and so easily be shaken off. I have concluded that nothing will serve to blot it from my memory; and to this very day the thought of it makes me quiver and shudder. That episode permitted me to cheat death of a victory only by the breadth of an eyelash.

Some sixty years ago an old recluse had wandered into town and climbed a mountain just outside the village to an old abandoned cabin and made his home there. Several months later he was found dead on the cabin floor with his head bashed in. The circumstances surrounding his death were never fully explained and this gave rise to speculation and conjecture. There were signs and bits of evidence which leaked out in connection with the case that appeared to border on foal play. But, just why I should become so terribly mixed up in this affair is difficult to understand.

The incident was now ten years old and should ordinarily have been forgotten; but there was plenty of conversation regarding it even at that late date. Suggestions and even demands were being circulated that this whole matter should be brought to light.

It was for this very purpose that a number of us had been called together to meet in the blacksmith shop to discuss ways and means for further study and final action to put an end to this whole matter so that calm and composure would settle over the town once more.

While in the midst of this discussion an old trapper by the name of Morely, who had just returned from a week's visit to the mountains, burst open the shop door and presented a story the like of which had never been known. When he concluded his narrative, we all stood with mouths open and gazed at each other in surprise and amazement.

Jake Morely was never known to do or say things by half measures; neither did he lose any time in convincing people that there was room for deep thought and serious consideration in any discussion he entered into. I was very much on edge and considerably excited as he narrated his plausible story.

When he introduced a new phase into the subject under discussion, the news of it spread over the town like wildfire and the demands for a more thorough investigation knew no bounds.

Doors were flung open, and bedroom windows raised high to inquire for more details. For two full days some business houses suspended work entirely, and the housewife experienced great difficulty and inconvenience at the grocery store when trying to get her order filled, for the proprietors of that establishment were harried from morning till night with countless questions regarding the new turn of events in this complicated mystery. But let Jake tell his own story.

"While out trapping in the Craig mountain region," he said, "I was overcome by fatigue and darkness. The abandoned road which ran directly under Old Craig was overgrown with brush which obscured my vision and made the narrow path quite difficult to follow."

"I lit my clay pipe and for some moments reflected on the day's accomplishments. Then I dozed off, for suddenly I was aroused from my slumber by a call, 'Too-hot-too-hot!' I said. The sound came from directly overhead and as I was about to glance up into the dead branches, I was confronted with a spectacle that surprised and momentarily unnerved me."

"Not twenty feet away, from where I sat, a tall white figure stood in the pale moonlight, facing me, and I could swear on oath that it was the old hermit who had been found murdered in his cabin ten years ago - I was transfixed - he stepped toward me -

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Town Topics

High Winds and rain last Wednesday brought down many tree limbs and felled a number of trees, including a large pine on the lawn of the Main street home of the Abbotts.

AUX of the Unitarian Church will entertain young people from Barnardston, Warwick, Keene, N. H., and Brattleboro, Vt., two films of "Shy Guy" and "The House We Live In" will be shown.

The Duchess of Orleans was a visitor at the East Northfield Post Office this week.

There will be a District meeting of the American Legion in Barnardston at 8 p. m. on April 10 at the town hall.

To be seen for the present month at the Greenfield Public Library: three pictures (landscapes) by Mrs. Lucile Foss of Greenfield, a covered bridge painting in oils by Mrs. Eleanor Messer of Brattleboro, Vt., and an oil painting by Mrs. Gertrude C. Whitney of East Northfield showing the view from the Moody Birthplace in October.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Bolton have returned from their cross country tour. On their trip homeward they were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Taber of Tempe, Arizona with their dinner featuring fruits and vegetables from the Taber garden. Mrs. H. W. Bonney, Mrs. Bolton's sister, also returned. The Tabers asked to be remembered to all their friends in Northfield. Mrs. Joseph Catlin of Boston and

Miss Edith Goodspeed of Newtonville were guests of the L. Percy Goodspeed's over the week end.

J. J. Bartus Northfield Farms, recently shot three bob-cats on Northfield Mountain, earning a \$30 bounty in the bargain.

Jack Powell is recovering from an appendectomy at the Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, Brattleboro, Vt.

Mrs. George Ball has returned to her Winchester road home after a winter's stay in New York.

George H. Bean, "The Yankee Auctioneer", spoke at the Fortnightly meeting and presented a copy of this book to the oldest member present, Mrs. Charles Webster. Hostesses were: Mrs. James C. Gillespie, chairman; Mrs. David Hammond, Mrs. Roy Lanphear, Mrs. Donald Hayes and Mrs. Edgar Livingston.

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Church Calendar

TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Minister.

Palm Sunday, April 10,

9:00 a. m. Junior Choir rehearsal.

9:55 a. m. Church School.

10:00 a. m. Young People's Forum and Men's Bible Class.

Pastor's Class in church membership for those of the teen-age.

11:00 a. m. Public Worship, Sixth Hammond, Mrs. Roy Lanphear, Mrs. Donald Hayes and Mrs. Edgar Livingston.

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COMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 17,

The Celebration of Easter.

Sunday, April 24,

Franklin Association of Congregational churches will meet in Orange for afternoon and evening sessions.

Monday, April 25,

Franklin County Association of Brotherhoods and Men's Clubs will meet at the Trinitarian Church for supper and speaking.

Thursday, April 28,

The Spring party of the 20-45 club.

Sunday, May 1,

New members will be received into the church.

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UNITARIAN CHURCH

Rev. Richard G. Sechrist, Minister.

Sunday, April 10,

10:00 a. m. Sunday School.

11:00 a. m. Service and Sermon.

"Historic Interpretation of the Last Supper."

Mr. Sechrist will use his chaplain's uniform for the Communion service.

The ADU will entertain the youth from several surrounding towns.

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Masses: First Sunday of Month,

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Rev. Helen D. Bassett, Pastor.

Sunday, April 10,

10:30 a. m. Service and Sermon.

"Cross of Christ."

11:30 a. m. Sunday School.

7:00 p. m. Prayer and Praise.

Tuesday, April 12,

Monthly meeting of WMS.

Wednesday, April 13,

Mid-week prayer meeting.

During World War II Navy mines accounted for almost 3,000,000 tons of Japanese shipping sunk or damaged.

The first carrier plane landing was made in October, 1922.

A Navy diver recently set a simulated world indoor diving record of 561 feet.

Hormone Spray

Use of the airplane by apple growers has increased during the last year as the result of the greater use of hormone sprays (or dusts) to prevent pre-harvest drop of fruit.

Egg Average

In 1945 Americans continued to eat more than one egg a day on the average. The Bureau of Agricultural Economics estimates the per capita consumption at about 285, second only to 1945 when the figure was 297.

MOURNED

MYRTLE REINING

Myrtle Reining, seven, born Dec. 27, 1941, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Albert Reining of Starrucca, Pa., died March 15 in Starrucca.

Services took place in Starrucca and burial was in the family lot in Beach Lake, Pa.

Mrs. Reining, the former Nellie Miner of this town, and her husband the former pastor of the Free Methodist church here, have three other children.

Survivors living in Northfield include: Grandfather, Alton J. Minor; aunt, Mrs. Jennie Warnock; and uncle, Herman Miner.

Flood Flash

Floods on the main rivers usually occur during the winter and early spring, but floods on small streams are more likely during the summer.

Cancer strikes, on the average, in one of every two families. You are guarding your family when you give to the American Cancer Society.

Regular Navy women officers receive indoctrinations at the General Line School, Newport, Rhode Island.

"Rocks and Shoals," officially the Articles for Government of the Navy, were written by John Adams in 1775.

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The following was taken from Anniversaries and Holidays, by Mary Hazelton, and may be of interest to some:

"The name given in England to Mid-Lent, or the fourth Sunday in Lent, is 'Mothering Sunday'. It is so called from the old custom of the faithful attending the mother church (in which way they were baptized and brought up) on Mid-Lent Sunday and offering gifts on the altar. It was also expected of the lads and lassies away from home, that they would return on that day, and meet under their parents' roof. They usually brought a present, which often took the form of cakes called 'simnel cakes'.

This old custom still survives in parts of England, and simnel cakes (a kind of rich plum cake) are extensively sold in London and many provincial towns."

Here are some suggestions for Easter reading: The Robe, by Lloyd Douglas, one of the best novels about Jesus, and his time; The Nazarene, by Scholem Asch, is a novel of Roman and Jewish life and

times in Palestine at the turn of time from B. C. to A. D., and ends in Part III with events of the last week in the life of Christ, the first Easter tide. Another is Lew Wallace's "Ben Hur," with a most moving description of the Crucifixion.

Short stories of Easter may be found in the Easter Ideals; The three lilies, by Florence Kingsley; A handful of Clay in Van Dyke's Blue Flower; and The Boy who discovered spring, in Alden's Why the chimneys rang.

In the children's room may be found other short stories about Easter and the coming of spring.

For those who are not acquainted with "The Home Garden," I would like to recommend it to your attention the next time you visit the library. About the size of the "Reader's Digest," it is packed full of helpful ideas and advice on the care of your garden and shrubbery. It is a gift to the library from the Northfield Garden Club, and they are anxious to have it known and used by all garden enthusiasts.

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County of Franklin
Recapitulation

Statement of Receipts and Expenditures of the County of Franklin for the year ending December 31, 1948

RECEIPTS:

Cash on hand January 1, 1948		
General	\$ 54,476.45	
Reserve for Chapter 90, '46 App.	1,076.22	
Reserve for Chapter 90 '47 App.	7,813.28	
Reserve for Stillwater Bridge—Chapter 90, '47 App.	1,000.00	
Post-War Rehabilitation, '47 App.	3,000.00	
Reserve for Post-War Rehab. Fund, '45 App.	13.00	
Reserve for Post-War Rehab. Fund, '45 App.	12,000.00	
Bond Investments	49,837.00	
Special Fund—Sale of Old Court House	25,000.00	\$155,865.95
County Tax for 1948	229,181.85	
Temporary Loan, Tax Anticipation	75,000.00	
Fines, Sheriff	440.00	
Fees, Inferior Courts	6,748.49	
Fines, Jail	100.00	
Fees, Clerk of Courts	667.25	
Fees, Clerk of Courts, Naturalization	160.00	
Fees, Register of Deeds	15,786.25	
Fees, Assistant Recorder, Land Court	154.00	
Master of Jail and House of Correction	2,852.99	
Highways and Bridges	80.00	
Fodders' License	240.00	
Dog License and Fines	12,635.60	
Miscellaneous	1,179.76	\$45,216.19
Total Receipts		\$501,082.14

EXPENDITURES:

Interest	\$ 2,916.25
Reduction of County Debt	15,000.00
Anticipation Loan, Taxes	75,000.00
County Commissioners, Salaries and Expenses	7,015.84
Transportation and Expenses of County and Acting Commissioners	258.44
Clerk of Courts, Salaries and Expenses	6,795.56
County Treasurer, Salaries and Expenses	7,562.14
Sheriff, Salary and Expenses	3,407.79
Registers of Deeds and Probate, Salaries and Expenses	24,189.93
Law Libraries, Salaries and Expenses	4,029.55
Highways, Bridges and Land Damages	40,846.63
Examination of Dams	398.24
Criminal Costs in Superior Court	4,385.48
Civil Expenses in Superior, Supreme, Probate and Land Courts, Incl. Auditors, Masters and Referees	12,003.14
District Courts and Trial Justices, Salaries and Expenses	25,042.20
Medical Examiners and Commitments of the Insane	2,717.11
Jail and House of Correction, Maintenance and Operation	39,714.92
Court House, Maintenance and Operation	15,853.57
County Aid to Agriculture	19,492.36
Mt. Sugarloaf Reservation	3,476.74
Hampshire County Sanatorium	19,348.88
Greenfield House Camp	2,900.00
Pensions	1,000.00
Contributory Retirement Systems and Supervisory Expenses	2,320.76
Miscellaneous	601.51
Unpaid Bills of Previous Years	138.97
Dog Damages and Dog Money Refunded	12,625.60
Advertisement of Recreational Advantages of Franklin County	982.74
Balance in Treasury, December 31, 1948	\$501,082.14
Total Expenditures	\$501,082.14

FUNDED DEBT

Franklin County Court House Loan, Chapter 449, Acts of 1931, \$45,000.00. Date of Issue, November 1, 1931.	
Payment as follows:	
\$15,000.00 on November First of each year from 1949 to 1951 inclusive.	
Rate of Interest, 4 1/2 %.	
LIABILITY OF FRANKLIN COUNTY	\$45,000.00
Bond Issue, Franklin County Court House	
ASSETS OF THE COUNTY OF FRANKLIN	
Balance in the Treasury	\$102,008.79
Investment in Bonds	46,937.00
Court House and Land	600,000.00
Jail Land	10,000.00
Jail and House of Correction	125,000.00

Barns and Sheds at 3411	35,000.00
Law Library	63,000.00
Personal Property in New Court House	49,000.00
Personal Property, District Court of Orange	100.00
Personal Property, Jail	9,000.00
House and Lot, Hope Street	4,750.00
Total Assets	\$927,848.79



by Gertrude C. Whitney

Two days ago I climbed to the Seventh Ridge, a feat that I have long had in mind to perform. Contrary to my expectation, there was no really steep climbing after the Third Ridge, so I felt no sense of weariness when I reached the last two cottages, and could have gone on and on up the mountain side, in pursuit of "the lost village", of which only someone's ancient front steps remain at the Historical Building to arouse one's curiosity as to the people who had once made their homes up there in the wilderness, who they were, and what became of them. I suspect I ran into their apple orchard once while looking for the oldest birch in town only to find that it had been destroyed by fire. Life is sometimes like that, is it not, when one looks and looks for something just out of reach? How well the poets know that! "Ah, but what's a heaven for?" asks Browning.

So, on this occasion, I decided that "discretion was the better part of valor" and regretfully retraced my steps, after surveying the lonesome scene for the matter of a few minutes. On my left, going down,

was what is left of the original reservoir for this part of the town, I'm told. It looked very forlorn and hopeless, all covered with pond-scum and surrounded by more or less dead and fallen trees. Maybe it wasn't so hopeless, if the Rustic Ridge Association could get together and try to clear up and beautify this spot. It looked to me like a likely place for spring peepers, but not a peep did I hear; nor a bird note, not even a jay or crow.

The scattered houses along the way were all boarded up for the winter and had a lonesome, forbidding look. How different things would be next June when the professors and schoolm'ams and dominies joyfully return to enjoy the renewing forces of nature in their sylvan retreats.

"We are all trying to get away from something that irks, at some time or other — a disagreeable job, a homely task done without love, day in and day out. "A continual dropping wears away the stone". And so, we take to the woods, as did Schoolmaster Ralph Waldo Emerson when he would escape to what is now Franklin Park in Roxbury and write such lines as these:

"O, when I am safe in my sylvan home,
I tread on the pride of Greece and Rome;
And when I am stretched beneath the pines,
Where the evening star so holy

ships,
I laugh at the lore and the pride of man.
At the sophist schools and the learned class:
For what are they all, in their high conceit,
When man in the bush with God may meet?"

And so, to get back to your garden and mine, there is something deeper than the mere necessity of producing food for the table and incidentally helping starving Europe, that drives one into the garden in the spring. It is the need for recreation in its truest sense, and also inspiration to many, for work with inspiration of some sort, is deadening.

Turning the sod, or hoeing that row for the first planting of peas, sends the fresh air into the lungs

and the cobwebs out of the brain. Then, too, one discovers that one's neighbors, who have stayed pretty much in their homes all winter, are nice sociable folks with problems like our own. Likely as not, we lean on our toes and stop to discuss world problems with these neighbors of ours, or ask advice, even, as to whether we should plant corn twice in the same place. Nice intelligent folks, those neighbors, if you meet them on their own ground.

Maybe I was thinking of things like the above as I was picking my way down the hill to avoid the slippery places, for there was still snow in shady spots and how the water from the fast melting snows above was rushing over the rocks in little cascades and rills till it found the brook!



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